

Agency 21 - State Fire Marshal

Statutory Authority:

The Nebraska State Fire Marshal's office was created in 1909 by a Legislative Act known as the "Fire Commission Law". The duties of the State Fire Marshal are specified in Chapter 81, State Statute 81-502, N.R.S. Additional responsibilities are found in Chapter 28, State Statutes 28-1241 to 28-2152 (Fireworks Laws), 81-15,117 to 81-15,127 (Petroleum Products and Hazardous Substances Storage and Handling Act); 81-542 to 81-551 (Pipeline Safety Act); 81-5147 to 81-5150 (State Accessibility Standards), and 81-5151 to 81-5157 (Fire Fighter Training).

Vision Statement:

The State Fire Marshal Agency is dedicated to Nebraska's citizens and businesses with a professional approach to those services designed to assert a feeling of security to all citizens for the protection of their property and lives from the ravages of fire. Visions address an inspection system in conjunction with the promotion of safety and awareness of those dangers associated with gas pipelines, the inspection of underground storage tanks, including the environmental impact and inherent dangers, and the operation of a defined and professionally organized statewide training program.

Mission Statement:

The State Fire Marshal Agency's mission is to provide measures for life and property protection from fire, and on environment and accessibility issues through education, inspections, and training.

Goals:

1. Provide training, assistance and education to emergency response organizations addressing emergencies, fire prevention, inspections and public safety;
2. increase fire investigations to deter arson and fraudulent claims;
3. promote citizen awareness and safety by enforcing the Natural Gas Pipeline Safety Act and Petroleum Products and Hazardous Substance Storage and Handling Act;
4. support building inspections and plans reviews to increase and justify the purpose for code compliance and life safety; and,
5. manage certification documents for a service award benefit program for volunteer responders.

Financial Data:

	Actual FY00	Approp FY01	Request FY02	Recom FY02	Request FY03	Recom FY03
General Fund	1,141,670	1,199,520	1,257,316	1,260,442	1,241,629	1,279,832
Cash Fund	2,236,572	2,586,375	3,023,049	3,056,171	2,719,954	2,886,458
Federal Fund	364,398	155,402	114,304	114,304	114,304	114,304
Revolving Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Agency	3,742,640	3,941,297	4,394,669	4,430,917	4,075,887	4,280,594

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Program 193 - Protection Of People And Property

Program Objectives:

Umbrella Program Number 193 includes Program Classification Numbers 225, 226, and 227.

This umbrella program includes the budget for General Operations, Pipeline Safety, and Underground Storage Tanks.

Financial Data:

	Actual FY00	Approp FY01	Request FY02	Recom FY02	Request FY03	Recom FY03
General Fund	577,910	600,925	600,925	617,088	600,925	632,179
Cash Fund	2,225,215	2,523,607	2,960,281	2,992,790	2,657,186	2,822,452
Federal Fund	327,321	155,402	114,304	114,304	114,304	114,304
Revolving Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Agency	3,130,446	3,279,934	3,675,510	3,724,182	3,372,415	3,568,935

Performance Measures:

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Program Objectives:

The Training Division has five goals established as a proactive approach to new technology and performance based management. Within these goals are measurements for improving the continuity and uniformity of statewide training, development of systems that permit easy and definable statistics, utilization of computer technology for course presentations to reduce logistical costs, widening the base of curriculum development by cooperative efforts with other states, increasing the competency base of existing instructors and increasing the cadre of instructors, and broadening the selection of courses for certification purposes.

Financial Data:

	Actual FY00	Approp FY01	Request FY02	Recom FY02	Request FY03	Recom FY03
General Fund	557,132	564,227	630,513	617,891	614,826	622,190
Cash Fund	11,357	62,768	62,768	63,381	62,768	64,006
Federal Fund	37,077	0	0	0	0	0
Revolving Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Agency	605,566	626,995	693,281	681,272	677,594	686,196

Performance Measures:

The Training Division evaluates its performance by the data entered on all classes, short programs, and other special training sessions instructed. The analysis of this data tells us how many classes are conducted, how many students were present and how many students successfully completed the classes, percentage of classes conducted in each region, and identification of types of classes presented. Our goals support further enhancement of this process to allow us to define priority classes; actual accounts of classes and students per county, region, and legislative district; and cost per class based on instructors, hours, and cost per student hour per course.

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Program 415 - Emergency Responders Act

Program Objectives:

The State Fire Marshal's Office has three goals for implementing the Volunteer Emergency Responders Recruitment and Retention Act (VERRRA). These goals shall establish a management system for documenting all records and lists, supply pertinent information to volunteer organizations on establishing a program, and supply all reports and information to State agencies per the State Statute.

Financial Data:

	Actual FY00	Approp FY01	Request FY02	Recom FY02	Request FY03	Recom FY03
General Fund	6,628	34,368	25,878	25,463	25,878	25,463
Cash Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Federal Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Revolving Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Agency	6,628	34,368	25,878	25,463	25,878	25,463

Performance Measures:

A data base will be developed to track names, addresses, beneficiary information, and qualifying points of active emergency responders, active rescue squad members or active volunteer firefighters, and to tabulate the total of all such volunteers as reported. Information packets will be mailed to approximately 600 cities, villages, or rural or suburban fire protection districts notifying them of VERRRA. Upon request or at the direction of the State Fire Marshal, the assistant may attend public gatherings, State Fire School, winter conferences, and mutual aid meetings to ensure local organizations and membership understand the requirements and program documentation needed to participate in the service award benefit program.